

Records of the Council of Federal Nursing Services

Title: Records of the Council of Federal Nursing Services, 1943-1983

Author/Creator: Council of Federal Nursing Services

Collection number: 19

Size: 1.5 linear feet

Inclusive dates: 1943-1983

Repository: Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Archives, Gorgas Memorial Library, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910.

Abstract: The records include correspondence, meeting minutes, and a photograph.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on these records.

Preferred citation: Records of the Council of Federal Nursing Services, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Archives, Gorgas Memorial Library.

Status: This collection is processed.

Historical note:

"The Council of Federal Nursing Services was organized in 1943 to meet a need for cooperation among Federal nursing personnel during World War II. Its objectives as stated at that time were:

1. To provide a means of easy exchange of information about the Federal government nursing services.
2. To provide mutual assistance in the consideration of the nursing problems presented by the Federal government nursing services.
3. To formulate recommendations concerning Federal government nursing problems for which consideration by the National Council for War Service is desired. (In 1946, this third objective was revised to read: "To formulate recommendations concerning Federal nursing problems for which consideration by professional nursing organizations and other groups is desired, and to receive recommendations from professional groups and others." A fourth objective was added at that time which reads: "To serve as a source of information on Federal nursing services and on promotional activities in relation to Federal nursing services.")

The organization is informal, with no official government status. The membership is from Federal agencies responsible for nationwide nursing services, and includes the chief nurses of the Army, Navy and Air Force Nurse Corps, the Chief Nurse of the Public Health Service and the Director of Nursing

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Services of the Veterans Administration, with liaison representation for the Director of Nursing Services, American Red Cross, and from the American Nurses' Association and National League for Nursing. Nurses in other Federal units are invited to participate as programs in these agencies develop and as appropriate." (History of the Federal Nursing Council, 1968)

Scope and content of the collection:

The Federal Nursing Services Council records include correspondence, meeting minutes, and a photograph from 1975.

Custodian Information:

The provenance of this collection is unknown.

Processing information:

Processed by: Lara D'Agaro

Processing note: Original order was retained. Exact duplicates were removed and discarded. Most metal staples, paper clips and metal binders were removed. The records are still in their original folders. The one photograph has been rehoused in a Mylar sleeve.

Arrangement of collection: The collection is organized as 1 series.

Series I: Administrative records

Detailed description of the collection:

Series I: Administrative records, 1943-1983

This series includes 6 folders of general administrative records and then the meeting minutes are broken down by year. There is a photograph with the meeting minutes of the year 1975.

Folder	Title	Dates
1.	Background and function of council,	1945-1946
2.	Council Agendas,	1943-1956, 1965-1968
3.	Council Membership,	1957, 1961-1967
4.	Miscellaneous Correspondence,	1948-1967
5.	Suggested Agenda Item,	1967-1968
6.	Resume-History of Council,	1943, 1951, 1953, 1968
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